

State of Washington

Activity Summary By Agency

Agency: Department of Agriculture**2001-03 Biennium Estimated Expenditures**

<u>General Fund</u>				<u>Annual</u>
<u>State</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Totals</u>		<u>FTEs</u>
\$2,144,457	\$5,272,631	\$7,417,088		48.5

Activity / Function: Agency Management/Administrative Support Services**Statewide Category:** Government Administration and Support

Purpose: This function provides executive leadership, policy development and review, financial services, computer and information technology services, personnel services, communications, administrative procedures guidance, legal services, and safety and emergency management programs for the Department's 25 programs.

Activity / Function: Agricultural Fairs	\$0	\$4,326,196	\$4,326,196	2.0
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Statewide Category: Economic and Community Development

Purpose: The Fairs program provides financial assistance to agricultural fairs and youth shows. The Director of Agriculture appoints a seven-member Fairs Commission to recommend how the funds are allocated to participating fairs. The Fairs program coordinates the activities of the Fairs Commission, audits all required reports and information from participating fairs, and verifies that fairs operate in compliance with state law. Currently, 70 fairs participate in the program which provides approximately \$2 million in assistance annually.

Activity / Function: Animal Health	\$1,420,343	\$0	\$1,420,343	9.1
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Statewide Category: Public Safety and Criminal Justice

Purpose: The Animal Health program protects animals and the public from communicable animal diseases, such as brucellosis, tuberculosis, E. coli 0157:H7, salmonella (various types), rabies, Hantavirus, and many others. To prevent animal diseases from entering Washington State, the program monitors the movement of animals across state lines by inspecting and examining animals, issuing or denying requested permits, and monitoring health certificates which are required for all animals entering the state. Department veterinarians also conduct tests and inspections to detect introduced diseases and to eliminate select diseases. Under federal contract, state veterinarians conduct investigations when antibiotic residues are detected in animal tissue and educate the violators in the proper use and storage of drugs and chemicals. The program cooperates with universities, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and other research agencies to collect samples and data. This program is funded by the state general fund.

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\$877,360	\$1,548,935	\$2,426,295	12.0

Activity / Function: Chemistry Laboratory**Statewide Category:** Public Safety and Criminal Justice

Purpose: The Chemistry Laboratory, located in Yakima, supports several Department programs by analyzing samples taken in investigations of alleged pesticide misuse, monitoring for pesticide residues in foods, and analyzing commercial feed and fertilizer samples to determine if they meet label guarantees. These activities are funded by a mix of state, federal and local funds. The laboratory also participates in a federally funded program for monitoring pesticide residue levels in fruits, vegetables, and other commodities in the American diet and performs fee-for-service chemical analysis for the hop industry.

Activity / Function: Commission Merchants	\$0	\$525,936	\$525,936	4.1
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Statewide Category: Business, Employment and Consumer Services

Purpose: The Commission Merchants program protects agricultural producers against theft, fraud and unfair business practices by licensing persons and businesses involved in buying and selling agricultural products. Licensees who purchase by check or on credit or who handle agricultural products on consignment must be bonded. The program investigates producer complaints against commission merchants and cooperates with federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. The program is funded by license fees.

Activity / Function: Commodity Commissions	\$10,000	\$0	\$10,000	0.0
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Statewide Category: Economic and Community Development

Purpose: The Commodity Commissions program administers agency responsibilities relative to the state's 24 agricultural commodity commissions. These commissions are funded by producer assessments and engage primarily in marketing and/or research related to a specific commodity. The Director of Agriculture is a board member of each commission and is represented by an agency designee. This program conducts or supervises nominations and elections of commission board members, responds to recommendations to issue or amend commission marketing orders, and ensures commissions are in compliance with applicable state law.

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\$0	\$344,999	\$344,999	3.1

Activity / Function: Egg Inspection**Statewide Category:** Business, Employment and Consumer Services

Purpose: The Egg Inspection program inspects shell eggs at processing facilities and at any other locations storing, preparing, or selling eggs to consumers to determine compliance with sanitation and refrigeration requirements designed to ensure food safety. Inspectors also candle and weigh eggs to determine if they meet quality and grade standards. The program also inspects egg processing facilities, enforces labeling requirements, investigates alleged use of restricted eggs in preparing human food, and provides technical assistance and educational materials to egg producers, distributors and retailers. The program is funded by fees paid by the egg industry and through an agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Activity / Function: Feed Regulation	\$0	\$813,466	\$813,466	6.8
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Statewide Category: Public Safety and Criminal Justice

Purpose: The Commercial Feed program regulates the distribution of animal feeds to assure product identity and quality and proper labeling. The program registers and reviews the labels of more than 2,000 pet food products and licenses approximately 300 manufacturers and initial distributors of other animal feed products. The program inspects feed mills for compliance with current good manufacturing practices, especially in the manufacturing of medicated feeds. The program also collects and analyzes feed samples to determine accuracy of label guarantees. The program is funded entirely by licensing, registration and tonnage fees paid by the feed industry.

Activity / Function: Fertilizer Regulation	\$0	\$772,062	\$772,062	5.1
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Statewide Category: Public Safety and Criminal Justice

Purpose: The Commercial Fertilizer program is a consumer and environmental protection program. The program registers and reviews the label of approximately 2,500 fertilizer products for distribution in the state, and collects and analyzes fertilizer samples to determine accuracy of label guarantees for plant nutrients. The program also analyzes fertilizer samples for heavy metals to ensure they do not exceed state standards. The program inspects fertilizer facilities and irrigation systems where fertilizer is applied through irrigation water to ensure required safeguards are in place to prevent ground water and surface water contamination. The program is funded entirely by licensing, registration and tonnage fees paid by the fertilizer industry.

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\$3,851,183	\$1,841,596	\$5,692,779	39.8

Activity / Function: Food Safety**Statewide Category:** Public Safety and Criminal Justice

Purpose: The Food Safety program strives to protect the public from injury and illness caused by food products that are contaminated, adulterated or otherwise unfit for consumption. This is accomplished through surveillance, regulation and inspection of the dairy industry and the food processing and storage industry. Inspectors examine facilities for such things as product adulteration, cleanliness, evidence of rodent infestation, potential for cross contamination with chemicals and toxic materials, appropriate holding temperatures, and sanitary preparation techniques. Staff conduct more than 13,000 inspections and tests each year, including sampling food products which are analyzed for pathogens, pesticide residues and standards. The program also investigates consumer complaints and responds as needed to food-related emergencies. The program is funded by the state general fund, federal funds, and fees paid by food processors, food storage warehouses and milk processors.

Activity / Function: Fruit and Vegetable Inspection	\$0	\$22,708,167	\$22,708,167	252.0
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Statewide Category: Business, Employment and Consumer Services

Purpose: The Fruit and Vegetable Inspection program provides inspection services to the fresh produce and processing industry to ensure orderly marketing of fruits and vegetables. Commodities inspected include, but are not limited to, apples, pears, cherries, peaches, asparagus, and potatoes. These commodities are inspected for quality, size, labeling, condition, and contract specifications and may be certified as free from disease and insects as required by domestic and international markets. These services are provided through district offices in Yakima, Wenatchee and Moses Lake and 13 field offices located throughout the state. This is a self-supporting, fee-for-service program.

Activity / Function: Grain Inspection	\$0	\$10,630,000	\$10,630,000	116.0
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Statewide Category: Public Safety and Criminal Justice

Purpose: The Grain Inspection program provides inspection, analytical and weighing services to ensure orderly commerce for grain, dry peas, dry beans, lentils, rapeseed, and similar commodities sold in or from Washington. These services are provided at eight grain inspection facilities located throughout the state (Seattle, Tacoma, Olympia, Kalama, Vancouver, Pasco, Spokane, and Colfax). The program is funded by fees for service and, as required by federal law, provides service 24 hours a day, seven days a week, upon request.

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\$0	\$481,577	\$481,577	3.6

Activity / Function: Grain Warehouse Audit**Statewide Category:** Business, Employment and Consumer Services

Purpose: The Grain Warehouse Audit program protects grain producers from undue losses by requiring licensing and bonding of warehouses and dealers and by auditing each licensee. The program audits grain storage warehouses twice per year and grain dealers once per year to assure producers and depositors that licensees are meeting requirements to cover storage and contractual obligations. This program is funded by license fees.

Activity / Function: Hop Inspection	\$0	\$806,540	\$806,540	8.1
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Statewide Category: Public Safety and Criminal Justice

Purpose: The Hop Inspection program performs physical grading and chemical analysis of the Washington hop crop and a significant portion of the Oregon and Canadian crops to ensure orderly international and domestic marketing for the industry. Washington growers produce 75 percent of the nation's hops. This is a self-supporting program, funded by fees paid by hop producers and dealers for requested services.

Activity / Function: Livestock Identification	\$0	\$1,506,398	\$1,506,398	16.3
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Statewide Category: Business, Employment and Consumer Services

Purpose: The Livestock Identification program maintains the official recordings of approximately 7,500 livestock brands. As a theft prevention measure, cattle and horses are inspected for brands or other proof of ownership at all public livestock markets and slaughter plants and prior to moving out of state. Inspection is also required for cattle at certified feed lots and at any change of ownership. Approximately 750,000 cattle and 15,000 horses are inspected annually. The program licenses and bonds public livestock markets to ensure producers receive timely and proper payment for livestock they sell through those facilities. Certified feed lots are also licensed and audited monthly to ensure that all slaughtered cattle correlate with inspection certificates issued on their behalf. This program is funded entirely through fees paid by the livestock industry.

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\$2,464,197	\$887,640	\$3,351,837	6.2

Activity / Function: Market Development**Statewide Category:** Education and Cultural Development

Purpose: The International Marketing program assists food and agriculture companies to sell their products internationally. The program contracts with agricultural trade representatives in the major markets of Japan, Taiwan, and China to assist state businesses with export transactions and market development. The program offers one-on-one assistance to export-ready businesses; helps resolve phytosanitary and other trade barriers; organizes and leads companies on trade missions and to major trade shows; and develops and distributes information to buyers on the state's agricultural suppliers. The program also provides matching fund grants to the agricultural industry to fight trade barriers and promote overseas sales of the state's agricultural products. The program is funded by the state general fund and works cooperatively with the Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development and the Governor's Trade Representative.

Activity / Function: Microbiology Laboratory	\$1,381,795	\$981,060	\$2,362,855	12.0
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Statewide Category: Public Safety and Criminal Justice

Purpose: The Microbiology Laboratory, located in Olympia, supports the Department's Food Safety program by testing food and dairy products for food poisoning organisms and by examining food products for contamination by insects, rodents or filth. The laboratory also tests dairy products for quality and to meet requirements for the interstate shipment of milk. Laboratory staff inspect and certify commercial and dairy-industry laboratories performing officially sanctioned dairy microbiology. The Microbiology Laboratory also supports the Department's Animal Health program by testing animal blood and tissue for disease to aid in disease eradication programs and to allow animals to move interstate or internationally. The laboratory participates in a federally funded program to monitor for pathogenic organisms in the nation's food supply, and performs diagnostic and export testing for private veterinarians on a fee-for-service basis. All other activities are supported by the state general fund.

Activity / Function: Nursery Inspection	\$0	\$1,799,756	\$1,799,756	12.7
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Statewide Category: Natural Resources and Environmental Management

Purpose: The Nursery Inspection program inspects nurseries to ensure that consumers and the nursery industry are provided healthy, pest-free and disease-free plant materials. The program enforces agricultural quarantines to prevent pest introduction and, on request, provides inspection services to certify Washington nursery stock and plant materials are free from disease and insects as required by domestic and international markets. The program is funded by license fees paid by the state's 8,000 nursery dealers and fees paid for requested inspections.

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\$0	\$1,162,459	\$1,162,459	8.9

Activity / Function: Organic Food Certification**Statewide Category:** Public Safety and Criminal Justice

Purpose: The Organic Food program protects consumers and supports the organic food industry by ensuring that all food products making organic claims meet state standards for organic production and labeling. The program inspects, certifies and provides technical assistance to more than 700 organic producers, processors, and handlers. The program is funded by fees paid by the organic industry.

Activity / Function: Pesticide Regulation

\$725,748	\$7,535,004	\$8,260,752	48.3
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Statewide Category: Public Safety and Criminal Justice

Purpose: The Pesticide program regulates the sale and use of all pesticides in Washington State. The program investigates complaints of pesticide misuse, conducts field inspections of pesticide manufacturers and applicators, and provides technical assistance to pesticide users. It annually reviews and registers more than 8,000 pesticide products for use in the state, and processes an average of 70 requests for special pesticide registrations. The program tests, licenses and administers a continuing education program for more than 25,000 pesticide applicators, dealers and consultants. It administers a program to train Spanish-speaking farm workers in safe and legal use of pesticides, and administers the waste pesticide program which collects and disposes of canceled, suspended or unusable pesticides from state residents and businesses. It also develops programs to protect resources such as ground water from pesticide or fertilizer contamination. The program is funded by licensing and registration fees, federal grants, the state general fund and the state toxics control account.

Activity / Function: Plant Protection

\$2,824,534	\$4,903,747	\$7,728,281	53.5
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Statewide Category: Natural Resources and Environmental Management

Purpose: The goal of the Plant Protection program is to protect the state's resources by preventing the establishment of high risk insects, plant diseases and weeds. Staff conduct surveys and inspections, disseminate information and research, enforce agricultural quarantines, provide laboratory diagnostic services, review and oversee the release of genetically engineered and exotic plant pathogens by researchers, and carry out projects to eradicate pests such as gypsy moth. The program coordinates statewide efforts to eradicate spartina, a non-native aquatic weed. It works with the State Noxious Weed Control Board and is responsible for noxious weed control in counties without weed boards. The State Noxious Weed Control Board sets control priorities and coordinates educational and control activities of weed districts, county weed boards, and state and federal agencies. The program is funded by a mix of state, federal and local funds.

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\$0	\$809,505	\$809,505	5.1

Activity / Function: Planting Stock Certification**Statewide Category:** Business, Employment and Consumer Services

Purpose: The Planting Stock Certification program provides testing and inspection services to assure disease-free planting stock for various agricultural industries. Voluntary certification programs are currently provided for fruit trees and related ornamentals, seed potatoes, hops, grapes, mint, garlic, caneberries, and strawberries. This is a self-supporting, fee-for-service program.

Activity / Function: Rural Rehabilitation	\$0	\$8,844	\$8,844	0.1
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Statewide Category: Economic and Community Development

Purpose: The Rural Rehabilitation program administers a trust fund that provides loans and grants for purposes that benefit low-income rural residents and/or farmers. The Department currently uses Rural Rehabilitation funds for the state's Women-Infant-Children Farmers' Market program, and grants to rural education and rural youth programs.

Activity / Function: Seed Inspection/Certification	\$0	\$3,095,537	\$3,095,537	28.0
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Statewide Category: Natural Resources and Environmental Management

Purpose: The Seed Inspection/Certification program conducts pre-harvest field inspections and laboratory testing of agricultural, vegetable and flower seeds grown under the seed certification program. The program tests seed samples submitted by seed growers and companies to determine compliance with purity and germination standards and to certify seed for domestic and international marketing. The program operates the only official seed testing laboratory in the state in Yakima. This is a self-supporting, fee-for-service program.

Activity / Function: Small Farm and Direct Marketing	\$141,764	\$150,000	\$291,764	2.3
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Statewide Category: Economic and Community Development

Purpose: The Small Farm and Direct Marketing program works to improve the viability of the state's small farms by reducing market barriers and developing or enhancing direct marketing opportunities for farmers. It is funded by the state general fund and federal grants.

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\$328,719	\$35,000	\$363,719	2.0

Activity / Function: Washington Agricultural Statistics Service**Statewide Category:** Economic and Community Development

Purpose: The Washington Agriculture Statistics Service (WASS) is a cooperative program with the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The program collects and publishes statistical data on agricultural production and the state's agricultural industry for use by those in agriculture, government and business. The data includes estimates of crop size and value, production, cost and other information. Washington State provides office space and two support staff and receives reimbursement for telephone costs. WASS staffing also includes 16 federal employees.

Activity / Function: Weights and Measures Inspection	\$351,427	\$1,336,338	\$1,687,765	13.0
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Statewide Category: Business, Employment and Consumer Services

Purpose: The Weights and Measures program regulates the use and accuracy of all commercial weighing, measuring and counting devices used in the state, including gas pumps, grocery store scale systems, price scanners, vehicle-tank meters and liquid petroleum gas measuring devices. Staff inspect and test devices for accuracy and suitability for service and inspect packaged commodities for correct content (expressed in net weight, volume or count), labeling, and pricing. The program operates the state Metrology Laboratory, which houses the official state standards of weights and measures, and provides calibration services to businesses, laboratories, and government entities. The program licenses individuals as weighmasters to provide certified statements of weight, measure, or count and monitors motor fuel quality by analyzing fuel samples for octane, oxygenate and other product quality factors. Staff also investigate consumer complaints in commercial transactions. The program is funded by registration, licensing and calibration fees, the state general fund and, for motor fuel quality testing, the state motor vehicle account.

Total Reported:	27	TOTALS	\$16,521,527	\$74,283,393	\$90,804,920	718.6
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